

Attachment 2 Title V Leadership

Within the NYSDOH, the DFH leads NY's Title V efforts. Lauren J. Tobias serves as the Director of the DFH and the NYS Title V program. Prior to this, Ms. Tobias was the Director of Policy for the Schuyler Center of Analysis and Advocacy, a statewide nonprofit. In this position, she played a leading role in the development of Schuyler's strategic direction and policy proposals aimed to assure that state initiatives and public systems serve all New Yorkers. Before joining the Schuyler Center, Ms. Tobias served in other leadership positions in the NYSDOH where she was involved in Certificate of Need reform for Article 28 health care facilities, health planning initiatives, and helped implement the recommendations of the Governor's Medicaid Redesign Team.

Ms. Tobias earned her Master's degree in Public Affairs and Policy from the Rockefeller College of the State University at Albany and a Bachelor's degree in history from Muhlenberg College.

Wendy Shaw, M.S., B.S.N. serves as Associate Director of the DFH. Ms. Shaw has a Bachelor's degree in nursing from the State University of New York at Albany, and a Master of Science degree from Russell Sage College. She is also a graduate of the Leadership Program in Public Health from Harvard University. Ms. Shaw started her career as a public health nurse working with high-risk maternal and child health families and later moved to obstetric nursing before transitioning to state service. Ms. Shaw has 37 years of labor and delivery experience and continues to work in that field outside of state service. Ms. Shaw's education and experience provides an excellent foundation for her role in support of NY's Title V program.

Marilyn Kacica, M.D., M.P.H., the medical director of the DFH, is a graduate of St. Louis University and received her M.D. from the St. Louis University Medical School. She completed pediatric residency training at the Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital, subspecialty training in pediatric infectious disease at the Children's Hospital of Cincinnati, and her preventive medicine residency at DOH. Her M.P.H. was awarded from the State University of New York at Albany, School of Public Health, where she is currently a Clinical Professor of Epidemiology and Biostatistics. She is board-certified in Pediatrics and is a fellow of the AAP. She is providing leadership on a myriad of clinical, epidemiological, data utilization and quality improvement issues within the DFH including the NYSPQC. In addition, she is the program director for DOH's Child Health Integration Initiative which is focusing on the integration of child health information for both public health and provider benefit.

Christopher Kus, M.D., M.P.H., the Associate Medical Director for the DFH, is a graduate of Michigan State University and the Wayne State University School of Medicine. He received his M.P.H. from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. A board-certified pediatrician and a fellow of the AAP, Dr. Kus is a Past President of the AMCHP and serves as co-chair of the AMCHP Legislative and Finance Committee.

Dionne Richardson, DDS, MPH, serves as the Title V Dental Director in the DFH. Dr. Richardson came to NY in January 2016 and was formerly the dental director for the Mississippi State Department of Health. Dr. Richardson has more than 20 years of post-doctoral training and experience in the field of oral health. Dr. Richardson completed her undergraduate work at

Xavier University of Louisiana and received her D.D.S from Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry in Tennessee. Dr. Richardson received her Master of Public Health degree through the University of Rochester Medical Center and is a graduate of the Department's Dental Public Health Residency program. Throughout her career she has implemented or overseen programs providing valuable public health services to the MCH population such as School Based Health Center Sealant programs and other similar programs to improve oral health across the lifespan.

Kristine Mesler, M.P.A., B.S.N., serves as the director of BWIAH. Ms. Mesler brings a wealth of experience in the field of maternal and child health to this position. Ms. Mesler graduated from the State University of New York at Albany with a Bachelor's degree in nursing, and a Master of Public Administration from Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy. Ms. Mesler's education and her experience as both a public health nurse and in obstetric nursing provides a solid background for her leadership role in the Bureau's efforts related to the MCH population.

Susan Slade, RN, MS, serves as the director of the BCH as well as NYS's CSHCN director, and is an experienced clinical and public health nurse and public health administrator. Ms. Slade received her Bachelor's degree in nursing, and a Master of Science degree from Russell Sage College. Ms. Slade has extensive public health experience in addition to over 24 years in emergency medicine and she continues to work as an emergency department nurse outside of state service. She has led NY's efforts to improve the health and wellness of NY's CSHCN. In addition to being a licensed Registered Nurse, Ms. Slade is also a Masters Certified Health Education Specialist.

Connie Donohue is the Director of the BEI. She has a doctorate in audiology from the University of Arizona, School of Health Sciences. Ms. Donohue's state government career now includes more than seven years in the DOH Early Intervention Program, where she helped establish and implement the statewide Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program in 2001, five years at the Office of the State Comptroller, managing the Outreach Training Program, and more than seven years in Medicaid policy in the DOH's Office of Health Insurance Programs.

Kirsten Siegenthaler has worked at the DOH for over 15 years. Currently, she is the Assistant Director of the BEI. She graduated with a PhD in Epidemiology from the University at Albany, School of Public Health in 2015 and an MSPH in Epidemiology from Emory University in Atlanta, GA in 2002.

Regina L. Bryde, M.A., M.P.A. is the Title V Coordinator for the DFH and Director of American Indian Health Program. Ms. Bryde received her undergraduate degree in Speech Pathology from Ithaca College and a Masters in Clinical Audiology from the University of Buffalo. She also received a Masters of Public Administration from the Maxwell School of Citizenship at Syracuse University. She has worked as a clinical audiologist at Upstate Medical Center and in private practice. She has also worked in health communications and administration at the University at Albany School of Public Health. Prior to assuming her current position, she was the NYS Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Coordinator and PI for HRSA Universal Newborn Hearing Screening and Intervention Grant and the CDC Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Grant.

Deborah Rock has served as the Director of the BOA since August 2017. Ms. Rock has been with the DOH since 2000, most recently in the Division of Chronic Disease Prevention where she provided oversight of all fiscal and administrative processes. She has extensive experience in fiscal processes including the development of standard policies and procedures, budget management, contract development, fiscal monitoring of Not-for-Profit programs, and oversight for both State and Health Research Incorporated contracts. Ms. Rock has an Associate's Degree from Adirondack Community College.

Susan Penn is the Assistant Director of the BOA. She received her BA from the University of Maine in Psychology. Ms. Penn devoted much of her career in the non-profit community, working with victims of domestic violence, and the homeless. She came to DFH in January 2017 from the Office of Mental Health, where she oversaw administrative processes in the Community Budget and Financial Management Group.